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### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Original) A fastener comprising:  
a shaft having a first end and a second end;  
an exposed portion attached to the first end of the shaft; and  
an identifying color on the exposed portion, the identifying color pre-selected to correspond to at least one specified physical property of the fastener, the identifying color capable of being recognized by a person of normal vision from a distance of at least 18 feet when the shaft has been inserted into a surface.

Claim 2 (Original) The fastener of Claim 1, further comprising a second identifier on the exposed portion, the second identifier corresponding to at least a second specified physical property of the fastener.

Claim 3 (Original) The fastener of Claim 2, wherein the second identifier is a color.

Claim 4 (Original) The fastener of Claim 2, wherein the second identifier is a letter.

Claim 5 (Original) A method of identifying physical properties of inserted fasteners from a distance, comprising:  
applying a colored coating over the surface of an exposed portion of the fastener prior to using the fastener, wherein the colored coating has been pre-selected to correspond to at least one physical property of the fastener; and  
inserting the fastener so that the coloring on the exposed portion remains visible and may be determined by a person of normal vision from a distance.

Claim 6 (Original) The method of Claim 5, wherein the distance is 15 feet.

Claim 7 (Original) The method of Claim 5, wherein the distance is 18 feet.

Claim 8 (Original) The method of Claim 7, wherein the fastener is selected from the group comprising nails, bolts, staples, rivets, screws, wedge anchor bolts, anchor bolts, a bolt and nut, or a lag bolt.

Claim 9 (Original) A method of identifying fastener physical properties during building inspection, comprising:  
selecting a plurality of colors to apply to an exposed surface of a fastener, where each color connotes one or more properties of the fastener;

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applying one of said plurality of colors to the exposed surface of the fastener, so that the color may be recognized by a person of normal vision from a distance of at least 10 feet;

inserting the fastener into an object; and

providing a building inspector with color key indicating the physical properties that each selected color connotes.

Claims 10-12 (Cancelled)

Claim 13 (Original) A method of making a fastener with physical properties which are identifiable from a distance, comprising:

pre-selecting a plurality of colors where each color corresponds to at least one specified physical property of a fastener;

providing a fastener having a known physical property; and

applying a specified color of the plurality to the fastener so that the color may be determined from a distance, the specified color having been pre-selected to define the known physical property of the fastener.

Claims 14-43 (Cancelled)